

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM

FOR THE

North and East Ridings of Yorkshire :

PRESENTED AT THE

EPIPHANY QUARTER SESSIONS FOR THE RESPECTIVE RIDINGS, 1856;

TOGETHER WITH

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S NINTH ANNUAL REPORT, PRESENTED
AT THE EASTER SESSIONS, 1856;

AND

AN ACCOUNT OF THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO THE
END OF THE YEAR 1855.

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HENRY SOTHERAN, BOOKSELLER, CONEYSTREET.

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REPORT.

*North and East Ridings' Lunatic Asylum, Clifton, York,
22nd December, 1855.*

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE SAID
RIDINGS, IN GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS ASSEMBLED.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
VISITORS.

YOUR Committee are glad to be able to report that the Asylum, with respect to the health and general condition of the Patients, is most satisfactory.

The Superintendent, in spite of his efforts to accommodate as many Patients as possible, has been compelled, from want of room, to refuse several cases, for whose admission applications have been made. The over-crowded state of the House precludes the possibility of increasing the present numbers, which have reached the amount of 311, and in consequence, the Patients belonging to the Borough of Richmond (which the Court is already aware is annexed by Law to the North Riding) cannot be admitted until a portion of the new building on the Female side is completed, a part of which the Superintendent proposes to use for the accommodation of Male Patients, until the Wing on the Male side is ready for their permanent reception.

Although the commencement of the Buildings was necessarily delayed until the sanction of the Court, at the Midsummer Quarter Sessions, had been obtained for the proposed outlay, the Committee are happy to state, that the additional works are now progressing as expeditiously as their nature will allow.

At the last Quarter Sessions your Committee reported on the defective state of the old drains, and in accordance with the notice which they then gave, after mature consideration, a new system of

drainage is now being proceeded with, and is almost completed, (to the construction of which the labour of the Patients has largely contributed,) and which, together with the new steam engine and pumps already in full operation, will secure the Institution against any damage by floods, and by means of the latter also, an ample supply of pure water will at all times be ensured to every part of the building, provisions which they feel are of a paramount importance, now that the Establishment has grown to three times its original dimensions, since the opening in the year 1847.

The borough of Richmond has paid to the Treasurers of the Asylum, as directed by the Statutes, its proportion of the original costs of the Institution, namely, the sum of £674. 16s. 11d., of which your Committee, in lieu of charging the Riding with a similar account on the repair and alteration accounts, (the former being £208 3s. 9d., and the latter £357 12s. 8d.,) have devoted the sum of £565 16s. 5d. to the discharge of the drainage, steam pumps, &c., above alluded to, leaving a balance of £109. 0s. 6d. for the completion of the works in question.

Notwithstanding the high price of provisions, your Committee have much satisfaction in stating that the Institution has, during the last year, been conducted at the same low rate of charge of 6s. 8½d. per patient per week, without any diminution of their comforts.

J. V. B. JOHNSTONE,

CHAIRMAN.

*North and East Ridings' of Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum,
31st March, 1856.*

TO HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE SAID
RIDINGS IN GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS ASSEMBLED.

THE Committee of Visitors present to the respective Courts of Quarter Sessions the Annual Report of the Superintendent, and recommend that it be printed as formerly.

WM. RUTSON,

CHAIRMAN (pro tem.)

*North and East Ridings' Lunatic Asylum, Clifton, York.
31st March, 1856.*

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Committee of Visitors :

GENTLEMEN,—Happily the events of the year 1855 were so similarly prosperous to those of all former years, that with respect to the moral and physical state of the patients there is very little to remark particularly upon. Their general health was excellent and their spirit and enterprise equal to the demands and emergencies consequent upon the enlargement of the Asylum. The mortality is again below the average in the County and Borough Asylums, although slightly higher than the previous year, and the recoveries were at the rate of $46\frac{18}{67}$ per cent. upon the number admitted; there being not more than ten probably curable males, and fifteen probably curably females out of the 67 cases received during the year.

The excavations for foundations and the extensive range of basement floors for offices amounting to upwards of 12,000 square yards, were begun last April, and occupied until September, when the foundations of the centre pile and Male and Female Wings were commenced. Since then they have been daily employed in works belonging to construction. Amongst which is the substitution of an entirely new system of drainage from the present building to capacious Reservoirs dug in the Garden, whence the sewage is pumped into the Tower Tank at an elevation to command the whole Estate. These measures are amongst the most important of any which in the course of nine years have been carried out, not only for sanitary reasons and the cessation of all annoyance to the public, but by enriching the land and thereby rendering it much more productive. Notwithstanding the immense amount of work performed by the Patients in aid of

the buildings and drainage, worth together £600, all the ordinary duties of Farming and Gardening and those belonging to the various Trades, Household Work, &c. &c., have gone on in the most regular manner; this unmistakeable evidence is a convincing proof that the limits of the present comparatively small quantity of land do not allow sufficient scope for the industry of the Patients, nor space for the absorption of the vast quantities of manure produced; and when it is remembered that the future Establishment will contain more than 500 persons instead of about 330, it will be readily seen how indispensable it is to add largely to the Asylum Estate.

The Commissioners in Lunacy at their last visit were so struck with the state of our Garden and Farm, as well as with the fact of the Patients having without the help of additional attendants executed within so short a period as five months, the heavy and costly works just alluded to; that in recording their opinion of the condition of the Patients and Asylum, they recommended the purchase of a much larger quantity of land, being persuaded it would be both profitable to the Institution and beneficial to the Patients. Such an increase of land would go a long way towards providing proper and *varied means* for employing the Patients, and turning to useful and proper account the Sewage. It must not be forgotten that the waste of any part of the daily produce of this large Institution is a direct loss to the Ratepayers of the Ridings, whilst the natural application of every thing is a clear profit to them; as well as best promoting the curable modes of treatment for the patients. The advantages to patients and ratepayers are perfectly mutual. It is therefore impossible to overestimate the good, which with such resources can be achieved; and before leaving this part of the subject it may be mentioned that the steady prosecution of the only really rational plan of management and treatment of the insane has saved the Ridings, since the opening of the Asylum, thousands of pounds. In confirmation of this assertion the results of the dear provisions' year of 1855 may be advanced. The average weekly charge for the maintenance of Lunatics in the several County and Borough Asylums of England and Wales has been about 9s. 4d., whilst in this it has been 6s. 8½d. exclusive of furniture, bedding, and repairs to the building which cost 10½d. per head per week, making the total cost per head 7s. 7d. The daily average number of patients here was 305; so that the sum of £1400 has been saved upon the whole charges consequent on their residence in the Asylum, as compared with the average cost in the other English and Welsh Asylums in which the expenses for bedding, furniture and repairs to the building are not generally included,

as I have done in this instance. This explanation is afforded for the purpose of demonstrating, that since the opening of the Asylum the aggregate annual savings have amounted to enough to pay for much of the additional land required.

The large increase now making would alone involve the absolute necessity for the purchase of a proportionate additional quantity of land to maintain in operation the principles of treatment and management so fully recognized by the Ridings, and attracting the attention of Magistrates in several other Counties. The Courts of Quarter Sessions in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, and Huntingdonshire have recently purchased, under my advice, 257 acres of good land upon which they have determined to erect an Asylum for 500 patients. The abandonment of their existing Institution has arisen entirely from the striking contrast between its circumscribed bounds at Bedford and the more extended range enjoyed by the inmates under my care, which so materially influences this Asylum, besides the amazing difference in the weekly charge for maintenance. It therefore behoves me to strongly press upon you and the Court of Quarter Sessions the necessity and wisdom of forthwith buying a sufficient quantity of land for the consumption of the whole of the Sewage and Manure produced; and which will for the future be much greater in quantity. The £600 earned by the patients in labour bestowed upon works of construction, have been so much in diminution of the cost of building, but supposing that sum had been paid into our Exchequer the charge during the year 1855 would have been less than 6s. weekly upon the charges of maintenance; thus also pointing out the justice of my appeal for more land for the purpose of expending the labour of the patients and the manure upon which, very soon without it, will otherwise be both superfluous and wasted. This, though, is the lowest point of view from which to regard the argument; the other being the first and highest, viz., the health, happiness and contentment of the patients. It was just now remarked that the interests were perfectly mutual as between ratepayers and patients: this is most consolatory and must be encouraging to every benevolent mind. The affluent and independent classes will have to take pattern by what is doing for their poorer brethren afflicted with insanity; for whatever is done to advance the welfare of the latter, ought to be reflective of good upon the former. The crying want for those in the ranks alluded to, who suffer under insanity, in any of its forms, is such an Institution wherein may be embraced advantages equal in extent and character to those secured for the insane poor. There is no more gentlemanly occupation than gardening and farming, nor are many handicrafts beneath the notice of the upper and middle

classes of society. The indolence so much indulged in by insane ladies is too often destructive of their happiness, engenders all kinds of strange desires and a general indifference to almost every thing, but the imaginary evils springing out of an unsound condition of mind. It is sincerely to be hoped that more correct views are beginning to impress the public, and that such as are able to help in a cause requiring the practical exercise of benevolence in behalf of those whom it has pleased God to deprive of the right use of reason, and whose judgment is perverted and therefore requiring constant assistance and guidance, will bestir themselves to promote the establishment of an Institution suited to the circumstances of the insane of the upper and middle classes.

When the mention of conducting a County Asylum upon self-supporting principles was many years since first made, it was looked upon as Eutopian. Time has however demonstrated the possibility of managing such an Establishment upon a plan to enable it to pay its own expenses. My advocacy of the principle has mainly arisen from a conviction that until the weekly cost of the chargeable insane poor is reduced to almost a nominal price, no effective stop can be put to the rapid increase of this unfortunate and pitiable class, now become so burdensome. Allusion has been made in former Annual Reports to the manner in which the weak-minded and insane portions of the population are augmented. The young are permitted to be at large, or are rather overlooked until some overt act has been committed and they have become parents, leaving behind them children who are almost certain to pass through a similar career ending in results equally to be deplored. In fact, these mischievous and unhappy creatures are great feeders of Asylums, and will ever continue to be so, unless the cost of such seemingly harmless young people is reduced to so small a price in Asylums as no longer to be avoided, but to act as an invitation to Parish Authorities to have early care taken of them, before any of the sad evils to which they are so commonly exposed have happened. Some stringent law will have to be passed for checking the growth of insanity arising out of the unpardonable oversight of those who are not only wanting in humanity but also blind to their own interests. The enormous expenses incurred by Counties and Boroughs in our own times have been chiefly caused by the gross heedlessness of Parish Officials in former years. I may state that the purchase of an adequate quantity of land will have the effect of lowering our weekly charge to about half of what it is at present, or in other words 3s. 6d. or 4s.

There were in the Asylum on the 1st January, 1855:—

	Males.	Females.	
Admitted during 1855	152	151	
	33	34	
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Total under treatment in 1855	185	185	
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		Total	370
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Discharged recovered	9	22	
Discharged relieved	0	2	
At large on the 31st December, 1855, but since returned	1	0	
Died	16	8	
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	26	32	
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Remaining on the 31st Dec., 1855	159	153	
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		Total	312
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The character of the mental disorders affecting the patients admitted was as follows:—

	Males.	Females.
Recent mania and melancholia probably curable	10	15
Chronic mania	7	9
Afflicted with general palsy	7	4
Epileptic mania	5	3
Senile imbecility	1	0
Chronic dementia	3	2
Remittent mania	0	1
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Total	33	34
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The causes of death have been as follows:—

	Males.	Females.
General palsy	10	1
Atrophy	1	0
Scarlet fever	1	0
Serous apoplexy	1	0
Epilepsy	1	0
Consumption of Lungs	1	0
Old age	1	5
Disease of spine	0	1
Disease of heart	0	1
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Total	16	8
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Extensive improvements are in progress, but as they belong to the current year, it is only necessary to draw your attention to them as they more properly belong to a future report.

The further advancement of this Institution upon the principles of management hitherto receiving your advocacy will depend on the acquisition of more land, and therefore in again thanking you for your constant attention to the requirements of this Institution, I cannot but urge the indispensable necessity of a full consideration of this important subject.

I have the honour to be, GENTLEMEN,

Your very obliged and humble Servant,

SAMUEL HILL.

In compliance with a Resolution of the North Riding Court of Quarter Sessions, held at Easter, the following is extracted from the Superintendent's Seventh Annual Report, dated 27th March, 1854:—

“It may be interesting to mention, there is accommodation in the Asylum for 312 patients, inclusive of the Infirmaries. The Land comprises 88a. 1r. 39p. and cost £10,070 1s. 6d.; the various buildings, furniture and original outfit, £40,079 13s. 4d., making a total of £50,149 14s. 10d., which together is at the rate of £160 per patient for founding the Asylum.”

At the Midsummer Sessions, 1855, it was determined to enlarge the Asylum for an increased number of patients, for which purpose £14,500 was voted, making in the whole, accommodation for 472 patients at a total outlay of £64,649 14s. 10d. The cost upon this number is now reduced to £137 per patient.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS by the Treasurers of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire County Lunatic Asylum, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, 1855. (Pursuant to the 16th and 17th Vict., cap. 97, sec. 58.)

RECEIPTS.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
From produce of farm and garden, and } sales of live stock	244	6	4			
Sale of rags	4	14	4			
	<hr/>			249	0	8

Maintenance Account:—

From Unions and Parishes in Counties and Boroughs, contributing to Asylum.

Aysgarth 6s. 8½d. weekly	34	19	7
Bedale „	168	0	11
Beverley „	421	14	4
Bridlington „	47	17	6
Carperby „	17	9	10
Darlington „	13	1	8
Driffield „	366	1	8
Easingwold „	201	13	9
Great Ouseburn „	24	4	0
Guisborough „	132	4	1
Hawes „	47	5	11
Helmsley „	36	0	8
Howden „	228	14	2
Kirby Moorside „	45	0	10
Leyburn „	178	3	2
Malton „	404	19	10
Northallerton „	339	18	6
Patrington „	104	18	9
Pickering „	127	17	11
Pocklington „	249	14	0
Reeth „	65	14	11
Richmond „	157	8	2
Ripon „	17	9	10
Scarborough „	117	15	7
Sculcoates „	296	12	1
Selby „	32	9	9
Skirlaugh „	151	14	3
Stokesley „	92	16	4
Stockton „	95	11	11

Carried forward £4217 13 11 249 0 8

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward	4217	13	11	249	0	8
<i>From Unions (continued).</i>						
Teesdale	101	15	7			
Thirsk	150	10	2			
Whitby	407	14	6			
York Rural District	312	3	8			
	<hr/>			5189	17	10
<i>From Counties and Places not contributing.</i>						
Swaffham 14s. 0d. weekly	8	16	0			
York City District 9s. 7½d.	2	2	8			
	<hr/>			10	18	8
<i>From County Treasurers for Vagrants.</i>						
East Riding 6s. 8½d. weekly	90	2	8			
North Riding	43	19	10			
	<hr/>			134	2	6
<i>From County Treasurers for Repairs, Furniture and Fittings.</i>						
East Riding proportion ($\frac{13}{32}$)	244	13	0			
North Riding proportion ($\frac{19}{32}$)	357	11	2			
	<hr/>			602	4	2
<i>Repayment of Funeral and other expenses.</i>						
Bedale	1	11	6			
Bridlington	1	11	6			
Driffield	4	14	6			
Easingwold	1	11	6			
Guisborough	1	11	6			
Hawes	1	1	0			
Howden	1	11	6			
Northallerton	3	9	0			
Pickering	1	17	6			
Pocklington	3	8	0			
Sculcoates	2	11	0			
Selby	1	11	6			
Stokesley	3	3	0			
Whitby	2	5	6			
	<hr/>			31	18	6
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>						
Tallow, Hides, and Skins	106	8	1			
Clothing	37	19	3			
Discounts	2	11	0			
Washing	61	17	0			
	<hr/>			208	15	4
<i>Total Receipts</i>				£6426	17	8

PAYMENTS.

<i>Salaries and Wages.</i>	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Officers	911	0	0			
Attendants.....	347	15	6			
Servants.....	90	0	4			
	<hr/>			1348	15	10

Provisions (including all articles in dietary).

Ale,	18 galls.	1	7	0		
Porter,	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ barrels	86	18	6		
Barley,	10 cwt.	7	13	0		
Beer,	10371 galls.	259	5	6		
Malt,	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushels.....	4	1	9		
Hops,	52 lbs.....	5	9	0		
Butter,	198 st. 13 lbs.	129	17	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Cheese,	179 st. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs	71	9	0		
Coffee,	238 lbs.	12	8	6		
Currants,	168 lbs.....	7	0	0		
Eggs,	133 doz.	5	13	1		
Flour,	403 sacks	1074	0	6		
Meat,	2113 st. 6 lbs.	779	0	0		
Oatmeal,	38 sacks	89	5	0		
Pease,	216 st.	25	0	8		
Raisins,	6 st.	1	19	0		
Rice,	72 st.	9	8	0		
Snuff,	8 lbs.....	1	17	0		
Sugar (loaf),	70 lbs.....	1	16	9		
„ (moist),	15 cwt.	30	4	4		
Tea,	797 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.	112	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Tobacco,	210 lbs.	36	15	0		
Pipes,	10 gross	1	5	0		
Vinegar, salt, mustard, pepper, and spice		13	18	10		
Wine and spirits		37	0	0		
Miscellaneous, as arrow root, sago, &c.		8	11	0		
	<hr/>			2813	4	3

Necessaries.

Candles	14	16	3			
Coals, 490 tons, 3 cwt. 1 qr.	274	16	8			
Gas	93	8	6			
Oil	2	16	8			
Soap, 60 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.	108	6	0			
	<hr/>			4162	0	1
Carried forward	£494	4	1	4162	0	1

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward	494	4	1	4162	0	1

Necessaries (continued).

Soda, 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.	3	12	11			
Starch and blue	6	14	2			
Miscellaneous, as hearth-stone, bath brick	10	12	7			
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Surgery and Dispensary.

Drugs				22	4	7
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Clothing.

Apron check	17	7	1½			
Calico	27	9	8			
Cloth	14	11	6			
Diaper	3	13	3			
Drabbett	2	9	2			
Duck	8	2	0½			
Flannel	38	10	8			
Fustian	11	6	3½			
Gingham	3	10	1			
Handkerchiefs	4	4	4			
Hessian	6	10	6			
Holland	7	9	4½			
Huckaback	2	14	9			
Lawn	1	14	8			
Leather	71	18	4			
Lindsey Woolsey	4	4	4			
Linen	23	7	5½			
Muslin	0	8	8			
Peaks for caps	1	10	0			
Print	31	17	5½			
Ribbon	0	11	3			
Shawls	3	6	0			
Sheeting	15	5	3½			
Shirting	16	4	6½			
Tick for mattresses	3	4	9			
Thread, buttons, tapes, needles, &c.	24	13	5			
Tray cloths	0	7	0			
Worsted and yarn	48	12	0			
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Construction Account.

Gravel for making roads				7	3	6
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Carried forward				£5101	15	10
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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward				5101	15	10

Furniture and Bedding.

Blankets	9	4	0			
Crockery	23	10	9			
Culinary utensils, brushes, mops, &c.	32	4	1			
Matting and mats	46	13	2			
Mat frame and table	3	5	6			
Pails and tubs	4	1	6			
Repairing clocks	0	12	6			
Straw, coir, &c.	177	17	10			
Waterproof sheets	5	5	0			
	<hr/>			302	14	4

Funeral Expenses.

Coffins and shrouds	18	10	6			
Bearers and hearse	6	15	0			
Burial fees	4	1	0			
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Repairs.

Blacksmith	33	16	0			
Bricklayer	57	4	0			
Carpenter	58	10	0			
Cement	0	18	0			
Common bricks	1	12	0			
Fire bricks	7	17	4			
Insurance	12	0	0			
Ironfounder	9	13	6			
Ironmonger	44	0	5			
Labour	6	15	0			
Lime	3	16	8			
Paint and oil	13	13	3			
Paper for walls	0	18	9			
Plumber and glazier	1	15	8			
Sand	1	2	5			
Set rods	0	3	4			
Sizing	0	10	6			
Stone	4	7	7			
Tiles for drainage	12	10	1			
Timber	24	13	7			
	<hr/>			£295	18	1
Carried forward				5433	16	8

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Brought forward	295	18	1	5433	16	8

Repairs (continued).

Valves and cocks	4	16	6			
Wire work	3	2	0			
Whiting	0	17	0			
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Farm and Garden.

Live stock	98	19	0			
Implements	17	6	2			
Labour	16	10	0			
Straw	9	17	2			
Pipe tiles and garden pots	1	10	0			
Provender	397	15	0			
Seeds	24	11	3			
Stack bars	20	3	8			
Taxes	36	11	4½			
Cattle medicine	3	0	2½			
	<hr/>			626	3	10

Miscellaneous.

Advertisements, printing, postage, and stationery	42	2	11			
Removals charged to Unions	2	12	0			
Carriage of goods	6	10	5			
Incidentals	46	19	11½			
	<hr/>			98	5	3½

<i>Total Payments</i>	£6462	19	4½
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* Of this sum £5 4s. 7d. has been derived from the surplus charge for out-county patients.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS on account of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire County Lunatic Asylum, between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December, 1855.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Balance on construction } account, 1854 - - - }	7	3	6	Salaries and Wages - - -	1348	15	10
Balance on maintenance - -	942	19	2	Provisions - - - - -	2813	4	3
Balance in Steward's hands -	72	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Necessaries - - - - -	515	3	9
Sales from produce, &c. - -	249	0	8	Surgery and Dispensary- -	22	4	7
Maintenance of patients } from places within the } Ridings - - - - - }	5189	17	10	Clothing - - - - -	395	3	11
Maintenance of out-county } patients - - - - - }	10	18	8	Gravel for Roads - - - -	7	3	6
Maintenance of vagrants - -	134	2	6	Furniture and bedding - -	302	14	4
From County Treasurers } for repairs, furniture, and } fittings - - - - - }	602	4	2	Funeral expenses- - - -	29	6	6
Re-payment of Funeral and } other expenses - - - }	31	18	6	Repairs, furniture, & fittings	304	13	7
Miscellaneous - - - - -	208	15	4	Farm and Garden - - - -	626	3	10
				Miscellaneous - - - - -	98	5	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
				Balance on main- } tenance - - - }	994	6	4
				Due to Steward - - - -	7	17	10
					986	8	6
Total - -	£7449	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Total - -	£7449	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

Aggregate number of days of residence of patients:—111503
Average daily number of patients 305 $\frac{178}{365}$

SUMMARY OF COST PER HEAD PER WEEK;—

Salaries and Wages	1s. 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	32137
Provisions	3s. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	60781
Necessaries	0s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	5467
Surgery and Dispensary	0s. 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	37877
Clothing	0s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	91147
Farm and Garden	0s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	1631
Miscellaneous	0s. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	85351
		111503
		91385
Less from miscellaneous receipts	0s. 3d.	96572
		111503
Actual cost	6s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	106316
		111503

JOHN ROBERTS, Clerk of the Asylum.

NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM,
Farm and Garden Account for the Year 1855.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Sale of live stock and produce	244	6	4	Value of live stock 1st } January, 1855 - - - }	435	7	0
Potatoes and other vegeta- bles consumed in the house and valued at wholesale prices - - }	179	12	5	Purchase of live stock - -	98	19	0
Milk 8089 gallons, at 8d. - -	269	12	8	Implements - - - - -	17	6	2
Pork and bacon 742 st. } 8 lbs., at 7s. - - - }	259	18	0	Labour - - - - -	16	10	0
Beef, 318 st. 7lbs., at 5s. 10d.	92	17	11	Straw - - - - -	9	17	2
Mutton, Lamb and Veal, } 157 st. 13 lbs., at 5s. 10d. }	46	1	3	Pipe tiles and garden pots -	1	10	0
Estimated labour of horses and men, in works not connected with the farm and garden:				Provender - - - - -	397	15	0
Leading 490 tons of coals, } at 1s. 6d. - - - - }	36	15	0	Seeds - - - - -	24	11	3
Carting soil from founda- tion and formation of embankments, &c. - - }	40	17	6	Stack bars - - - - -	20	3	8
Leading sand, lime, gravel, } and sundry jobs - - - }	13	16	3	Taxes - - - - -	36	11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Keep of fat stock for killing	25	0	0	Cattle medicine - - - - -	3	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Value of live stock 31st } December, 1855 - - }	522	15	0	Hog wash - - - - -	12	0	0
				Rent of land, 80 acres, } at £3 per acre - - - }	240	0	0
				Balance - - - - -	418	1	6
Total -	£1731	12	4	Total -	£1731	12	4

NORTH AND EAST RIDINGS OF YORKSHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM.
Contract Prices of the Principal Articles of Consumption, 1855.

PROVISIONS.		Quarter ending 31st March.			Quarter ending 30th June.			Quarter ending 30th September.			Quarter ending 31st December.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Flour	per sack	2	14	0	2	8	6	2	15	0	2	16	0
Oatmeal	ditto	2	10	0	2	3	6	2	5	0	2	10	0
*Beef (by the carcase) average about ..	per stone	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
*Mutton (by the car- case)	ditto	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cheese	ditto	0	7	7	0	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	8	2	0	8	2
Butter	ditto	0	13	0	0	13	0	0	12	6	0	13	9
Pease	ditto	0	2	4	0	2	4	0	2	3	0	2	4
Rice	ditto	0	2	9	0	2	9	0	2	6	0	2	6
Scotch Barley	ditto	0	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	2	0
Beer	per gall.	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	6
Porter	per kild.	1	8	6	1	8	6	1	8	6	1	8	6
Coffee	per lb.	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Tea	ditto	0	2	7	0	2	10	0	2	10	0	2	10
Sugar (moist)	per cwt.	1	19	8	1	19	8	1	19	8	2	2	0
Tobacco	per lb.	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6
Pepper	ditto	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2
Mustard	ditto	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	8	0	0	7

* These averages are the result of purchasing Fat Live Stock, and slaughtering it on the premises, a practice now being followed for the fourth year.

Contract prices of the principal articles of consumption (continued).

NECESSARIES.		Quarter ending 31st March.			Quarter ending 30th June.			Quarter ending 30th September.			Quarter ending 31st December.		
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Coals (average about)	per ton	0	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Candles (dips)	per doz.	0	7	6	0	5	6	0	5	9	0	6	9
„ (moulds) ..	ditto	0	8	3	0	6	6	0	6	9	0	7	9
Gas	per 1000ft.	0	3	9	0	3	9	0	3	9	0	3	9
Soap	per cwt.	1	16	0	1	13	0	1	16	0	1	18	0
Soda	ditto	0	6	3	0	5	9	0	5	9	0	5	9
Starch	per lb.	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Powder Blue	ditto	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	10
Black Lead	ditto	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Articles made and repaired by the Female Attendants and Patients during the Year 1855.

NEW WORK.		ARTICLES MENDED.
492 men's neckerchiefs	42 print aprons	6530 pairs of stockings
924 pairs of stockings	189 mattress cases	144 pillow cases
251 linen shirts	20 table cloths	662 night gowns
429 refooted stockings	23 flannel shifts	684 day caps
3 drawers	90 dusters	438 aprons
143 check linen aprons	48 straw hats	69 sheets
318 night caps	54 pairs of sheets	704 shirts
138 day do.	150 linen and print gowns	21 neckerchiefs
147 pairs leather and cloth shoes bound	53 doz. buttons	7 night caps
66 round towels	12 iron holders	53 flannel shirts
267 pocket handkerchiefs made out of old print	22 rollerblinds for windows	46 stays
22 pairs socks knitted	153 petticoats	152 straw hats
44 jean stays	30 curtains for ward windows	4 rugs
151 men's flannel shirts	148 pillow cases	37 flannel shifts
24 jean bonnets	20 brown aprons	187 mattress cases
21 straw do.	12 check linen spencers	1224 gowns
	196 linen shifts	809 shifts
	378 women's neckerchiefs	338 petticoats
	4 pairs gloves knitted	

Articles made and repaired by the Male Attendants and Patients during the Year 1855.

SHOEMAKERS' LIST OF NEW WORK.		UPHOLSTERERS' WORK.
116 pairs of women's leather shoes	54 pair leathers for braces	Making 71 horse hair mattresses
20 do. do. do. boots	1 pair water ditching boots	Do. 45 horse hair pillows
2 pairs women's cloth boots	SHOEMAKERS' LIST OF REPAIRS.	MAT MAKERS' WORK.
21 pairs men's leather boots for heavy wear	332 pairs of boots and shoes soled and heeled	Platting 2100 yards coir yard for chain mats
49 pairs men's leather boots for light wear	141 pairs of boots and shoes heeled	Making 38 chain mats averaging about 9lb. each
9 pairs men's leather shoes for light wear	116 pairs of boots and shoes soled	„ 9 thrum mats averaging about 30lb. each
36 pairs cloth slippers	464 pairs of boots and shoes repaired	„ 3 frame mats 28 in. by 18 in.
36 pairs leather gloves	51 pairs of boots strapped and buckled	
	5 pairs of boots soled, heeled and vamped	

Articles made and repaired by the Male Attendants and Patients (continued).

TAILORS' LIST OF NEW WORK.		TAILORS' LIST OF REPAIRS.
69 cloth jackets	29 linen waistcoats	253 jackets
59 cloth waistcoats	43 linen trowsers	188 waistcoats
112 cloth and check linen caps	31 pairs bracers	145 caps
133 fustian trowsers	35 short frocks	1179 trowsers
13 linen jackets	25 canvas spencers	107 canvas spencers
	24 pairs of boots and shoes closed	

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Mechanical work executed by the Male Attendants and Patients during the Year 1855.

ENGINEERS' WORK.

6 new keys for cupboard locks
 10 water taps, fitting with screws
 12 new garden hoes
 4 new axes for chopping fire wood
 12 wedges for do. do.
 4 new pickaxes
 2 new stubbing axes
 66 new table legs turning
 8 new brasses fitting to capstan pump
 8 pair clamps making for supply pipe capstan pump
 4 new sets of scythe tire
 8 new handles for privy waggons
 56 new wedges for scythe tire
 2 new couplings for hay sweep
 16 new hay forks making
 4 new drills for stonemasons, large size
 Fittings for new cast iron pump
 8 knives for cutting mangold wurtzel
 2 new garden hammers
 6 new road do.
 16 stonemasons' chisels
 4 new lead boxes and waste pipes for shower baths
 12 new roofing bolts
 2 new girder bolts
 1 coupling strap
 Connecting two rising mains of steam engine
 8 new corner plates for cistern at steam boiler
 7 pair of heel irons for strong boots
 2 new axes for brick dressing

JOINERS AND WHEELWRIGHTS' WORK.

16 dressing tables for wards
 2 wash hand stands, large size, for bath rooms, with slate tops
 1 oak clothes horse
 1 packing box
 1 chest, large size
 1 hand water cart
 1 oak flap, 4 ft. by 16 in.
 1 foot stool for wards
 6 seed dibblers
 10 garden rake shafts

2 sheep troughs, each 12 ft. long
 30 brush shafts
 6 night stools
 24 looking glass frames, 18 in. by 13 in.
 12 supports for cucumber frames
 9 axe shafts
 48 stay busks
 1 stool for carpenters' shop
 2 spittoons
 3 trap doors and frames, 2 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft.
 10 hay rake shafts
 1 attendant's cupboard
 12 soap boxes
 2 dining tables, 7 ft. long, for wards
 2 chimney boards
 12 birch chairs
 1 mason's mallet
 1 box for fly wheel of steam engine
 2 models for castings for mangle wheels
 1 water tank for supply to steam boiler
 2 frames and flap doors for ventilation windows in bacon house
 1 pair folding doors and frame, steam engine house, 6 ft. 6 in, by 4 ft. 3 in.
 1 large window complete, 12 ft. square
 1 floor making and laying, 20 ft. by 11 ft. over steam boiler
 1 roof, same size
 2 pig troughs, 9 ft. long
 1 partition, 8 ft. by 6 ft. 6 in.
 24 yards of paling in garden, 7 ft. high
The glazing is done by the joiner.

PAINTERS' WORK.

24 coalpans, 2 coats and lettering
 12 house pails, 2 coats and lettering
 35 large wire fire guards, 2 coats
 14 watering cans, 2 coats and lettering
 1 cupboard, 3 coats
 2 water barrels and wheels, 3 coats
 16 lights for cucumber frames, 3 coats
 1 coal box, 2 coats
 1 table for attendant's room, 2 coats
 3 mantel pieces, 2 coats
 1 supply tank for steam boiler
 1 bagatelle table, grained mahogany
 Iron work of steam engine, 2 coats

Mechanical work executed by the Male Attendants and Patients (continued).

1 cast iron pump, 2 coats
 1 box for round towels, 2 coats
 1 bath, 2 coats
 2 flower stands, 1 coat
 3 trap doors and frames, 3 coats
 2 dining tables, 2 coats
 1 pair of steps, 2 coats
 1 large window, 3 coats
 120 square yards of painting, 2 coats

TINNERS' WORK.

Making 4 funnels of sizes
 ,, 12 paint pots, 2 qts.
 ,, 6 soup ladles
 ,, 6 watering cans for garden
 ,, 8 skimmers for kitchen
 ,, 12 small sized pudding dishes
 ,, 12 pint drinking cups
 ,, 24 pint and quart tin measures
 ,, 24 large bread tins
 ,, 6 one gallon cans

BRICKLAYERS AND STONEMASONS' WORK.

White-washing the whole of the Asylum, the offices and out-buildings
 Excavating 52 yards of earth for foundations of engine house
 Building 3½ roods 14 in. brickwork
 ,, 1 rood 9 in. do.
 Building 3 roods half brick wall
 ,, 9 roods 15 in. stone wall lined with brick

Working 66 feet stone quoins and setting
 ,, 75 feet stone for window heads and sills and setting
 ,, 35 feet stone for door jambs and arch do.
 ,, 11 feet stone for door threshold do.
 ,, 76 feet stone for window jambs and mullions do.
 ,, 4 feet stone for corbels and caps do.
 ,, 37 feet stone for inside heads and bottoms of windows do.
 ,, 14 feet stone for pump stand and drilling and setting
 ,, 28 feet stone coping
 ,, 11 feet stone for sills and threshold and setting
 ,, 3 feet stone for back threshold do.
 ,, 16 stone corbels for spout bearers do.

Setting steam boiler complete

,, 19 yards of brick edge paving
 Squaring 16 yards of tooled flag paving
 Pointing 63 yards black pointing on stone walls

Tiling 44 yards plain tiles and pointing
 Plastering 41 yards 2 coats plaster on laths
 Cutting away brick and stone work, and setting engine and pumps, complete

14324 cubic yards of excavations for buildings and new system of drainage
 Laying 665 yards of fire clay pipe drainage

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Dietary Scale.

DAYS.	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.*
Monday	Gruel, thickened with oatmeal, 1½ pint, with 6 oz. of bread.	Pease soup, 1½ pint, with 6 oz. of bread.	6 oz. of bread with butter and tea.
Tuesday	Cooked meat, free from bone, 5 oz.; bread, 6 oz. for males and 4 oz. for females, with vegetables and ½ pint of beer.
Friday
Sunday
Wednesday.....	Meat pie, with vegetables, and ½ pint of beer.
Saturday	Irish stew, ½ pint, with 4 oz. of bread.
Thursday

Great additions are made to the above table, as for example, those patients who do not eat pease soup and irish stew, on Mondays and Thursdays, are allowed rice and suet pudding, and all epileptic, palsied, aged and weakly patients are allowed extra diet, consisting, according to circumstances, of beef-tea, mutton broth, egg pudding, bread, rice, tapioca, sago, and arrow root puddings, mutton chops, mince meat, porter, port and sherry wine.

The idiotic classes are allowed a pint of good meat broth, with bread and vegetables every morning at half-past ten o'clock, together with the firemen, bakers, house cleaners, &c.

* On Thursdays, ½ pint of beer, with two ounces of cheese, are substituted for the male patients, in lieu of tea and butter.

Indulgences consist of tobacco, beer, tea, &c., and may be said to be enjoyed by nearly all the patients; since but few are, at any time, unemployed.

The pease soup and irish stew are made with legs of beef and necks of mutton, Scotch barley, vegetables, herbs, &c.

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Goods in Store, 1st January, 1856.

Estimated value of male and female apparel and household linen	£.	s.	d.
Ditto goods in piece	330	13	6
Ditto provisions	35	18	6½
Ditto necessaries	178	16	9
	140	1	0
Total	£685	9	9½

JOHN ROBERTS, *Steward.*

